

GERIAH COLLINS.

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MAY 7, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. FYAN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 930.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 930) for the relief of Geriah Collins, submit the following report:*

Geriah Collins enlisted at Indianapolis, Ind., August 28, 1861, as a private in Company D, Thirty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and whilst in an engagement with the enemy at Thompson's Station, Tenn., in the month of March, 1863, he was taken prisoner and carried to Libby prison, where he remained some time. Whilst such prisoner he contracted a disease in his breast which disabled him from duty a long time after he was released from prison.

John C. Maze, of Shelbyville, Ind., and who was first lieutenant of Company D in said regiment, swears he knows Collins was taken prisoner as mentioned, and by reason of hardship and exposure in said prison, contracted disease in his breast, and that after Collins returned to his company he was suffering from the disability, and unable for a long time to do duty. Collins proves by witnesses who knew him for twenty-eight years, that prior to his enlistment he was a sound, able-bodied man. Collins proves by witnesses who have known him since his discharge, that for three years after said discharge he was so disabled as to be unable to work at least one-half of his time, and since that period one-third of his time.

Dr. G. M. Edson, a physician in high standing for twenty-seven years, and who has been attending Collins for a great many years, swears that by exposure, he (Collins) is suffering from cedema of the lungs, and also from rheumatism, and that any exertion causes severe pains which seem to center in thoracic region.

Your committee recommend that the bill pass.

